

**Southwest Economic Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data  
1990 to 2014**

**2014**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	18,801	19,637	19,613	17,901	17,611								
Employment	16,113	16,902	16,951	15,530	15,182								
Unemployment	2,688	2,735	2,662	2,371	2,429								
Unemployment Rate	14.3%	13.9%	13.6%	13.2%	13.8%								

**2013**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	18,681	19,471	19,305	18,499	17,992	19,944	21,837	19,572	18,973	18,203	17,337	16,477	18,859
Employment	15,974	16,896	16,848	16,052	15,318	17,141	19,455	17,272	16,577	15,759	15,000	14,030	16,361
Unemployment	2,707	2,575	2,457	2,447	2,674	2,803	2,382	2,300	2,396	2,444	2,337	2,447	2,498
Unemployment Rate	14.5%	13.2%	12.7%	13.2%	14.9%	14.1%	10.9%	11.8%	12.6%	13.4%	13.5%	14.9%	13.2%

**2012**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	18,273	19,438	19,292	17,990	17,854	19,821	21,207	19,649	18,545	18,088	17,091	16,347	18,632
Employment	15,702	16,938	16,865	15,548	15,298	17,166	18,845	17,364	16,297	15,745	14,775	13,702	16,187
Unemployment	2,571	2,500	2,427	2,442	2,556	2,655	2,362	2,285	2,248	2,343	2,316	2,645	2,445
Unemployment Rate	14.1%	12.9%	12.6%	13.6%	14.3%	13.4%	11.1%	11.6%	12.1%	13.0%	13.6%	16.2%	13.1%

**2011**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	18,287	19,365	19,271	17,877	17,347	19,779	21,881	19,779	19,207	17,880	17,125	16,366	18,679
Employment	15,730	16,869	16,896	15,496	14,906	17,244	19,609	17,588	16,960	15,742	14,780	13,756	16,297
Unemployment	2,557	2,496	2,375	2,381	2,441	2,535	2,272	2,191	2,247	2,138	2,345	2,610	2,382
Unemployment Rate	14.0%	12.9%	12.3%	13.3%	14.1%	12.8%	10.4%	11.1%	11.7%	12.0%	13.7%	15.9%	12.8%

**2010**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	17,871	18,690	18,749	17,452	16,877	19,273	21,431	19,389	18,477	17,189	16,634	15,869	18,160
Employment	15,523	16,254	16,347	15,127	14,595	16,836	19,262	17,305	16,402	15,193	14,533	13,396	15,898
Unemployment	2,348	2,436	2,402	2,325	2,282	2,437	2,169	2,084	2,075	1,996	2,101	2,473	2,262
Unemployment Rate	13.1%	13.0%	12.8%	13.3%	13.5%	12.6%	10.1%	10.7%	11.2%	11.6%	12.6%	15.6%	12.5%

**2009**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	17,730	18,560	18,452	17,532	16,885	19,410	21,636	19,290	18,112	17,231	16,399	15,725	18,080
Employment	15,562	16,289	16,249	15,175	14,440	16,897	19,457	17,201	15,982	15,188	14,423	13,484	15,862
Unemployment	2,168	2,271	2,203	2,357	2,445	2,513	2,179	2,089	2,130	2,043	1,976	2,241	2,218
Unemployment Rate	12.2%	12.2%	11.9%	13.4%	14.5%	12.9%	10.1%	10.8%	11.8%	11.9%	12.0%	14.3%	12.3%

**2008**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	18,348	18,798	18,701	16,827	16,806	18,748	20,470	18,865	18,347	17,177	16,376	15,534	17,916
Employment	16,151	16,704	16,583	14,743	14,603	16,544	18,480	16,880	16,543	15,467	14,655	13,524	15,906
Unemployment	2,197	2,094	2,118	2,084	2,203	2,204	1,990	1,985	1,804	1,710	1,721	2,010	2,010
Unemployment Rate	12.0%	11.1%	11.3%	12.4%	13.1%	11.8%	9.7%	10.5%	9.8%	10.0%	10.5%	12.9%	11.2%

**2007**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	18,292	18,455	18,348	16,994	16,584	18,685	20,079	18,845	18,747	17,823	16,812	16,125	17,985
Employment	16,229	16,509	16,458	15,092	14,589	16,618	18,226	17,073	17,029	16,097	15,043	14,065	16,087
Unemployment	2,063	1,946	1,890	1,902	1,995	2,067	1,853	1,772	1,718	1,726	1,769	2,060	1,898
Unemployment Rate	11.3%	10.5%	10.3%	11.2%	12.0%	11.1%	9.2%	9.4%	9.2%	9.7%	10.5%	12.8%	10.6%

**2006**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	18,099	18,903	18,791	17,366	16,630	19,240	20,485	18,812	18,121	17,501	16,563	15,642	18,015
Employment	15,903	16,643	16,650	15,141	14,378	17,050	18,531	17,009	16,381	15,805	14,793	13,733	16,003
Unemployment	2,196	2,260	2,141	2,225	2,252	2,190	1,954	1,803	1,740	1,696	1,770	1,909	2,012
Unemployment Rate	12.1%	12.0%	11.4%	12.8%	13.5%	11.4%	9.5%	9.6%	9.6%	9.7%	10.7%	12.2%	11.2%

**2005**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	18,648	19,169	18,693	16,868	16,876	18,303	19,846	18,404	18,324	17,530	16,665	15,552	17,909
Employment	16,386	16,917	16,594	14,737	14,747	16,055	17,890	16,581	16,375	15,617	14,659	13,497	15,839
Unemployment	2,262	2,252	2,099	2,131	2,129	2,248	1,956	1,823	1,949	1,913	2,006	2,055	2,070
Unemployment Rate	12.1%	11.7%	11.2%	12.6%	12.6%	12.3%	9.9%	9.9%	10.6%	10.9%	12.0%	13.2%	11.6%

**2004**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	18,382	18,880	18,389	17,026	16,701	18,424	20,211	18,436	18,338	17,505	16,213	15,688	17,850
Employment	16,288	16,802	16,274	14,869	14,573	16,024	18,156	16,458	16,390	15,624	14,295	13,609	15,781
Unemployment	2,094	2,078	2,115	2,157	2,128	2,400	2,055	1,978	1,948	1,881	1,918	2,079	2,069
Unemployment Rate	11.4%	11.0%	11.5%	12.7%	12.7%	13.0%	10.2%	10.7%	10.6%	10.7%	11.8%	13.3%	11.6%

**2003**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	16,777	18,736	18,496	16,476	16,567	18,143	19,879	19,016	18,500	17,743	16,520	15,947	17,734
Employment	14,806	16,714	16,523	14,432	14,464	15,827	17,884	17,068	16,654	15,971	14,665	14,093	15,760
Unemployment	1,971	2,022	1,973	2,044	2,103	2,316	1,995	1,948	1,846	1,772	1,855	1,854	1,974
Unemployment Rate	11.7%	10.8%	10.7%	12.4%	12.7%	12.8%	10.0%	10.2%	10.0%	10.0%	11.2%	11.6%	11.1%

**2002**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	16,010	18,008	17,809	16,659	15,990	16,552	18,541	18,005	17,492	16,632	15,290	15,332	16,860
Employment	14,377	16,422	16,120	14,931	14,233	14,632	16,749	16,268	15,800	15,044	13,685	13,586	15,153
Unemployment	1,633	1,586	1,689	1,728	1,757	1,920	1,792	1,737	1,692	1,588	1,605	1,746	1,707
Unemployment Rate	10.2%	8.8%	9.5%	10.4%	11.0%	11.6%	9.7%	9.6%	9.7%	9.5%	10.5%	11.4%	10.1%

**2001**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	15,214	17,238	16,829	15,832	15,369	15,879	17,989	17,063	16,780	16,088	14,748	14,395	16,120
Employment	13,622	15,753	15,345	14,309	13,874	14,095	16,556	15,623	15,483	14,856	13,478	13,059	14,672
Unemployment	1,592	1,485	1,484	1,523	1,495	1,784	1,433	1,440	1,297	1,232	1,270	1,336	1,448
Unemployment Rate	10.5%	8.6%	8.8%	9.6%	9.7%	11.2%	8.0%	8.4%	7.7%	7.7%	8.6%	9.3%	9.0%

**2000**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	16,285	17,013	16,901	15,693	15,677	16,720	18,044	17,373	16,713	15,479	14,385	14,090	16,198
Employment	14,846	15,609	15,482	14,328	14,175	15,098	16,676	16,011	15,498	14,355	13,216	12,797	14,841
Unemployment	1,439	1,404	1,419	1,365	1,502	1,622	1,368	1,362	1,215	1,124	1,169	1,293	1,357
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	8.3%	8.4%	8.7%	9.6%	9.7%	7.6%	7.8%	7.3%	7.3%	8.1%	9.2%	8.4%

**1999**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	15,107	16,965	16,549	14,544	14,211	14,453	16,199	15,794	14,881	14,621	13,411	12,797	14,961
Employment	13,772	15,675	15,303	13,302	12,879	12,933	14,893	14,588	13,852	13,619	12,410	11,663	13,741
Unemployment	1,335	1,290	1,246	1,242	1,332	1,520	1,306	1,206	1,029	1,002	1,001	1,134	1,220
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	7.6%	7.5%	8.5%	9.4%	10.5%	8.1%	7.6%	6.9%	6.9%	7.5%	8.9%	8.2%

**1998**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	14,559	16,590	16,229	14,875	14,355	14,851	15,971	14,404	14,267	13,926	13,104	12,731	14,656
Employment	13,431	15,473	15,071	13,810	13,140	13,328	14,698	13,203	13,166	12,933	12,111	11,532	13,491
Unemployment	1,128	1,117	1,158	1,065	1,215	1,523	1,273	1,201	1,101	993	993	1,199	1,165
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	6.7%	7.1%	7.2%	8.5%	10.3%	8.0%	8.3%	7.7%	7.1%	7.6%	9.4%	7.9%

**1997**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	14,090	15,549	16,040	15,145	14,846	14,938	16,126	13,936	13,988	13,625	12,614	11,956	14,404
Employment	13,018	14,560	14,920	13,987	13,762	13,704	14,930	12,783	13,011	12,726	11,826	10,934	13,346
Unemployment	1,072	989	1,120	1,158	1,084	1,234	1,196	1,153	977	899	788	1,022	1,058
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	6.4%	7.0%	7.6%	7.3%	8.3%	7.4%	8.3%	7.0%	6.6%	6.2%	8.5%	7.3%

**1996**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	13,766	16,096	15,903	15,335	15,509	15,222	16,377	14,536	13,952	13,581	12,726	12,587	14,633
Employment	12,506	14,984	14,662	14,061	14,248	13,925	15,146	13,555	13,072	12,760	11,957	11,368	13,520
Unemployment	1,260	1,112	1,241	1,274	1,261	1,297	1,231	981	880	821	769	1,219	1,113
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	6.9%	7.8%	8.3%	8.1%	8.5%	7.5%	6.7%	6.3%	6.0%	6.0%	9.7%	7.6%

**1995**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	13,513	15,922	15,523	13,962	14,100	14,940	16,745	15,233	14,306	13,811	12,893	12,522	14,455
Employment	12,564	14,939	14,553	13,101	13,084	13,843	15,701	14,254	13,437	12,875	12,000	11,622	13,497
Unemployment	949	983	970	861	1,016	1,097	1,044	979	869	936	893	900	958
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	7.2%	7.3%	6.2%	6.4%	6.1%	6.8%	6.9%	7.2%	6.6%

**1994**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	13,842	15,999	15,519	13,752	13,603	14,219	16,110	15,002	14,344	13,521	12,754	12,285	14,244
Employment	13,071	15,110	14,549	12,829	12,592	13,274	15,246	14,035	13,565	12,712	12,020	11,572	13,380
Unemployment	771	889	970	923	1,011	945	864	967	779	809	734	713	864
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.6%	6.3%	6.7%	7.4%	6.6%	5.4%	6.4%	5.4%	6.0%	5.8%	5.8%	6.1%

#### 1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	15,288	17,043	17,005	15,315	14,461	14,592	16,363	14,673	14,052	13,504	13,368	13,074	14,896
Employment	14,569	16,192	16,098	14,389	13,514	13,643	15,616	13,913	13,411	12,782	12,629	12,414	14,099
Unemployment	719	851	907	926	947	949	747	760	641	722	739	660	797
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	5.0%	5.3%	6.0%	6.5%	6.5%	4.6%	5.2%	4.6%	5.3%	5.5%	5.0%	5.4%

#### 1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	14,771	16,743	16,864	16,535	15,825	15,965	16,636	15,158	14,177	13,251	13,213	13,169	15,193
Employment	13,900	15,733	15,817	15,563	14,787	14,800	15,723	14,302	13,317	12,457	12,459	12,426	14,273
Unemployment	871	1,010	1,047	972	1,038	1,165	913	856	860	794	754	743	920
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	6.0%	6.2%	5.9%	6.6%	7.3%	5.5%	5.6%	6.1%	6.0%	5.7%	5.6%	6.1%

#### 1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	13,154	13,718	13,873	14,453	14,714	14,837	16,038	14,186	13,159	12,547	13,028	13,174	13,907
Employment	12,470	12,979	13,050	13,594	13,827	13,965	15,293	13,404	12,412	11,757	12,275	12,394	13,119
Unemployment	684	739	823	859	887	872	745	782	747	790	753	780	788
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.4%	5.9%	5.9%	6.0%	5.9%	4.6%	5.5%	5.7%	6.3%	5.8%	5.9%	5.7%

#### 1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	11,793	12,450	12,548	12,670	13,127	13,075	14,229	12,688	11,667	11,574	11,749	11,971	12,462
Employment	11,182	11,902	11,901	11,954	12,398	12,439	13,681	12,139	11,137	11,012	11,215	11,422	11,865
Unemployment	611	548	647	716	729	636	548	549	530	562	534	549	597
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.4%	5.2%	5.7%	5.6%	4.9%	3.9%	4.3%	4.5%	4.9%	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%

A change in the way the labor force statistics are calculated for boroughs and census areas makes data prior to 2000 not comparable with data from 2000 forward.

#### Definitions:

- **Labor Force:** Includes all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population classified as either employed or unemployed. (See the definitions below).
- **Employment:** These are all persons who, during the reference week (the week including the 12th day of the month), (a) did any work as paid employees, worked in their own business or profession or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of their family, or (b) were not working but who had jobs from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.
- **Unemployment:** Includes all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment some time during the 4 week-period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.
- **Unemployment Rate:** The ratio of unemployed to the civilian labor force expressed as a percent [i.e., 100 times (unemployed/labor force)].

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